

# NURSING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NATIONAL

### THE SUPERINTENDENTS' SOCIETY

THE SUPERINTENDENTS' SOCIETY will meet in St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 7 and 8, with headquarters at the Hotel Ryan. The program is not yet ready, but copies will be sent to the members before the meeting, as usual.

### THE FEDERATION

PROGRAM FOR FEDERATION DAY, Minneapolis, Wednesday, June 9. "The Visiting Nurses' Need of Social Training," Abbie J. Peters, St. Paul, member of the staff of the Charity Organization. "Social Service Work for Nurses: its Extent, Future and Claims," Ida Cannon, Massachusetts General Hospital. "The Care of the Insane; its Outlook and New Fields," William L. Russell, Medical Inspector under the State Commission in Lunacy, New York. "Venereal Disease," Dr. Caroline Hedger (graduate of the Illinois Training School), Chicago. Prevention in the Care of Infants: "The Need of a Federal Children's Bureau," Lillian D. Wald, Nurses' Settlement, New York; "The Babies' Dispensary," Harriet Leet, Cleveland, Ohio; "The Problem of Blindness," Elizabeth Crowell, New York City; "Summer Work with Infants," Miss Gardner, Providence, R. I. Schools and Classes for Mothers.

### THE NURSES' ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ

THE twelfth annual meeting of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States will be held on June 10 and 11, in the First Baptist Church, corner Tenth Street and Harmon Place, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Delegates should plan to reach Minneapolis by Monday evening, June 7, to take advantage of the open meetings of the Society of Superintendents of Training Schools on June 8, and the Federation of Nurses on June 9.

Associations sending more than one delegate each year are requested to return at least *one* former delegate, thus insuring greater familiarity with topics under discussion, and in order to represent their association in a more intelligent way.

### *Registration*

On Wednesday, June 9, from 8.30 to 9.30 A.M., the secretary and treasurer will be found in one of the parlors of the West Hotel, to receive dues and register delegates, permanent members, and visitors.

On Thursday, June 10, from 8.30 to 9.30 A.M., the presentation of credentials and payment of dues will be received at the First Baptist Church.

The first meeting of the Associated Alumnae will be held on Thursday, June 10, at 9.30 A.M., and every delegate should be present to respond for her association.

Each delegate should go prepared to discuss the question of reorganization and changes in the by-laws, or the possibility of transacting our business through the American Federation of Nurses, in which we are already associated with the Superintendents' Society, also to tell what her association is doing along the

lines of public health, tuberculosis problem, supplying nurses for the people of moderate means, and central directories.

#### *Dues*

The dues for state, county and city associations are five dollars each. The dues for alumnæ associations are ten cents per capita.

Delegates should carry with them checks or New York drafts for the amount of their associations' dues, made payable to Anna Davids, treasurer. No association which is behind in its dues is entitled to send a delegate.

Associations that are not sending any delegates this year should pay their dues by mail, addressing them to Miss Anna Davids, Charleston General Hospital, Charleston, West Virginia.

#### *Delegates' Cards*

A delegate's card, which is its credential, has been sent to each affiliated association. No other kind of credential will be accepted. This card should be carefully filled out, signed with the secretary's name and address, and taken by the delegate to the convention.

Each alumnæ association holding a membership in the National Association has the privilege of sending one delegate for every fifty of its members, and one delegate for every additional fraction of more than half that number.

Each state, county and city association affiliated is entitled to *one* delegate *only*.

#### *Proxies*

A delegate who is both a member of a state and alumnæ association may act as delegate for both and cast the votes for both, but no alumnæ may send a proxy by a delegate of another alumnæ association.

#### *Hotel Accommodations*

The West Hotel, Hennepin Avenue and Fifth Street, Minneapolis, has been selected as headquarters for the Associated Alumnæ, and most reasonable rates have been secured. European plan, single rooms \$1.50 per day and upward. With bath, \$2 and upward. One room with double bed to accommodate two persons, \$1 per day and upward. {Further information regarding accommodations may be obtained from Dr. Marion Mead, 1502 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### *Railroad Arrangements*

The "official train" from the east will be the "Black Diamond" on the Lehigh Valley R. R., leaving New York at 11.55 A.M., June 5, arriving in Chicago the following day at 2.15 P.M.; from Chicago via the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. at 6.30 P.M., June 6, arriving at Minneapolis at 8 A.M., June 7. Rates were published in April number of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. One dollar (\$1.00) excess fare is charged on the "Black Diamond."

Names and addresses of agents of Lehigh Valley Road to which delegates can write for further information are: A. J. Simmons, 1460 Broadway, New York City; G. G. Noble, 900 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Geo. W. Hay, South Bethlehem, Pa.; Geo. Heller, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; P. S. Millspaugh, Ithaca, N. Y.; Geo. H. Harris, 67 Main St., Rochester, N. Y.; W. B. Wheeler, 369 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Further information via Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. will be furnished upon application to John B. Linsley, 212 Majestic Building, Detroit, Michigan, and C. M. Souther, 95 Adams St., Chicago, Illinois.

The round trip rate, New York to Seattle, on account of the Exposition, will be \$92 via Pennsylvania or New York Central, and \$87.50 via any other line. Tickets will be on sale May 20 to September 30 and will bear final limit of October 31, allowing stop-over at any point west of Chicago and at several points between New York and Chicago. This is for the information of those wishing to avail themselves of a trip to the Pacific Coast.

*Program (Condensed for Publication)*

Tuesday, June 8, 7 P.M. Board of Directors' meeting, West Hotel, Minneapolis.

Wednesday, June 9, 8.30 A.M. Presentation of credentials and payment of dues at West Hotel.

Thursday, June 10, 8.30 A.M. Presentation of credentials and payment of dues, First Baptist Church.

9.30 A.M. Roll call, with reports of officers and committees.

Address of the President.

Paper: "Hospital Economics Course, the Work of its Graduates," Mathilde Krueger, Detroit.

Discussion, opened by Helen Kelly, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Paper: "The Nurse as an Anæsthetist," Florence Henderson, Rochester, Minnesota.

Discussion opened by Agatha Hodgins, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miscellaneous business.

Polls open for the election of officers at 10 A.M.

Session on State Work.

Report of Inter-state Secretary, Sarah E. Sly.

Paper: "State Societies, their Organization and Place in Nursing Education," by Sophia F. Palmer, R.N., Rochester, N. Y.

Discussion opened by Genevieve Cooke, Oakland, California.

Paper: "What State Supervision has done for Training Schools," Anna L. Alline, R.N., Albany, N. Y.

Board of Examiners' Conference.

Reports from different Boards of Examiners.

"Reciprocity," by Isabel McIsaac, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Following this session the nurses will go to Minnehaha Falls for a picnic lunch.

Friday, June 11, 9.30 A.M.

New business.

Informal discussion.

Paper: "Aspects of the Tuberculosis Problem," E. M. Courrier, Oakland, Cal.

Discussion opened by Ellen N. LaMotte, Baltimore, Md.

Paper: "Postoperative Care without Drugs," Charlotte Dancy, Battle Creek, Mich.

Discussion opened by Mrs. Frederick Tice, Chicago, Ill.

Paper: "The Limitations of the Nursing Profession," Mrs. E. Baldwin Lockwood, Granby, Conn.

Friday, 2 P.M.

Unfinished business.

Paper: "District Nursing and How to Organize," M. E. Lent, Baltimore, Md.

Paper: "Supplying Skilled Nursing for People of Moderate Means," Lina Lightbourn, R.N., Syracuse, N. Y.

Discussion opened by Mrs. E. W. Stuhr, Minneapolis, Minn.

Paper: "Central Directories and Club-houses," Linna G. Richardson, Portland, Oregon.

Report of election.

Introduction of new officers.

Adjournment.

Polls close at 2.30 P.M.

AGNES G. DEANS, of Detroit, Michigan, has been appointed to take the place of Sarah E. Sly, secretary of the Associated Alumnae, at the Minneapolis meeting, as Miss Sly is unable to attend the convention on account of ill health. Miss Deans has been assisting Miss Sly during the year and is in close touch with the work.

CHANGES IN THE NURSE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

NEW APPOINTMENTS.—Baumhoff, Isabelle M., graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. In charge of operating room for two years.

Gorman, Margaret E., graduate of Lynn Hospital, Lynn, Mass.

Humphrey, Mary H., graduate of Palmer Hospital, Janesville, Wis., post-graduate Bellevue and Allied Hospitals; Isthmian Canal Hospital Service for two years, late superintendent Madison Hospital, Madison, Wis.

James, Esther Le C., graduate of Telfair Hospital, Savannah, Georgia.

Jefferson, Evelyn W., graduate of Hamilton Hospital, Ontario, post-graduate Bellevue and Allied Hospitals and Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., late superintendent of the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association of Washington, D. C.

Kennedy, Emily, graduate of Hospital of The Good Shepherd, Syracuse, N. Y., three years' service in Army Nurse Corps.

Mayer, Betty W., Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C., post-graduate Boston Floating Hospital.

Scudder, Rita Lord, graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, Pa., for some time in charge of operating room in same hospital.

Swan, Ethel R., St. Luke's Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., late head nurse and matron of the Iowa State Sanatorium for Incipient Tuberculosis.

The above nurses have all been assigned to duty at the Naval Medical School Hospital, Washington, D. C.

PROMOTIONS.—Naval Nurse Clare L. De Ceu, to the position of Chief Nurse, promotion to date from March 16, 1909.

TRANSFERS.—Chief Nurse Victoria White, from Naval Medical School Hospital, Washington, D. C., to Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., February 25, 1909.

Naval Nurses J. Beatrice Bowman, Mary H. Du Bose, M. Estelle Hine, Della V. Knight, and Isabelle R. Roy, from Naval Medical School Hospital, Washington, D. C., to Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., March 15, 1909.

Clare L. De Ceu, Chief Nurse, and Naval Nurses Margaret D. Murray, Ethel R. Parsons, and Ada M. Pendleton from Naval Medical School Hospital, Washington, D. C., to Naval Hospital, Annapolis, Md., March 31, 1909.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Manchester.**—THE ELIOT HOSPITAL, on April 10, formally opened its new nurses' home, called the Emily E. Smith Home, for the donor, and after the pleasant afternoon reception the nurses took possession of their quarters so as

to awaken in their new rooms on Easter morning. Miss Robertson, superintendent of nurses, aided by her pupils, graduates, and some of the interested trustees, received the many guests and took them about the building. The home has a most beautiful view which will be an inspiration to its occupants, and it is most attractive in its finish and furnishings. There are twenty-one rooms for nurses, and each of the three floors has two bath rooms, linen closets, etc. Each nurse's room has furniture of a green shade, a writing desk, and rugs. Miss Smith, the donor, was unable to be present at the opening of the home on account of an accident received a year ago.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

**Boston.**—PAULINE L. DOLLIVER has resigned the position of superintendent of the training school of the Massachusetts General Hospital, to take effect July 1. Miss Dolliver has held this position for ten years, during which time the school has been placed upon a much higher plane educationally. She has no plans for the future and the appointment of her successor has not yet been made.

**Worcester.**—THE WORCESTER CITY HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION elected officers the first of the year as follows: president, Mrs. Frank Stowell; vice-president, Mrs. Simeon Smythe; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Frank Martin.

**New Bedford.**—MRS. L. F. LOWBY, for nearly eight years assistant superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital and Training School, resigned January 15 to accept the position of superintendent of the Malden Hospital, Malden. Edna Earle Stimpson has returned to St. Luke's as anæsthetist after serving for two years as head nurse of the general operating room of the Hartford Hospital.

#### RHODE ISLAND

THE RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES, at its last annual meeting, March 3, elected Rhoda G. Packard, a graduate of Johns Hopkins, as corresponding secretary for the coming year.

#### NEW YORK

**New York.**—THE ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL GRADUATING CLASS gave a "demonstration" in the Syms Amphitheatre on April 2, which was very interesting and perfectly presented; the program included: foot baths in bed; improvised back rest and feet support; Fowler's position for postoperative cases; methods of restraint and applying ice-cap; hot-air apparatus for extensive burns; anterior pack; turning mattress; washing the hair.

An admirable contrivance for supporting a patient and preventing slipping down in the bed was shown: A piece of board, about twenty-four inches long, nine inches wide, and thick enough to withstand strain, with a strong brass ring attached at each end, is well padded with curled hair, covered with rubber sheeting, and fitted with a linen case which buttons at one end; this is placed under the buttocks of a patient and held in position by a three-inch band of webbing, which is passed through one ring, carried up and around the top of the bed down and through the other ring, fastening at the lower side of the pillow.

AT ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL experiments in the treatment of rheumatism with the sting of a bee are being carried on. While it is too early to make any definite announcement for the treatment, the results thus far warrant the following of this good old New England remedy for rheumatism, scientifically

applied, with interest; the method pursued is to place several bees in a glass tube and apply over the affected joint, made surgically clean; the number of bees to be increased as the system becomes accustomed to the formic acid, the active principle.

THE NEW YORK COUNTY NURSES' ASSOCIATION, at a meeting held in the Academy of Medicine on April 6, took up the questions of a central directory. Papers upon the subject were presented by Miss Delano and Miss Burgess, and a committee was appointed to consider the advisability and practicability of forming a co-operative registry to be under the control of the county association. The excursions made by the members included, during April, visits to the laboratories of two milk plants. During May, the immigrant station on Ellis Island, the State Hospital for the Insane on Ward's Island, and the plant of a canning company will be visited.

THE LEBANON HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL held its graduating exercises in the nurses' home on the evening of February 17. The usual addresses and presentations by various members of the Board were made. The Jonas Weil awards were presented to Misses Kuhn, Reilly, and Doyle. A reception and dance followed the exercises. The graduates were the Misses Gillam, Fox, O'Shea, Epstein, Doyle, Esterbrook, Reilly, Kuhn, Steinholtz, Nathan, Poritsky, Cuneo, Sarason, Saxlund.

THE LEBANON HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION continues to hold its meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, but the hour has been changed to 8 P.M. so that the social hour may be spent to better advantage. At the February meeting there was a good attendance and plans for a euchre were formed. Miss Dalton and Miss Clancy are recuperating from operations.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL issues its fortieth annual report for the year ending September, 1908. The story of its social service and visiting nurse work is told largely and most convincingly by illustrations. The Presbyterian Hospital was one of the pioneers in this branch of broader medical and nursing work.

THE NURSES WHO WERE IN PANAMA during those trying days of the beginning of the work there, were paid a fine tribute by Mr. John Barrett, Director of the International Bureau of American Republics, in an address delivered before the National Society of Patriotic Women of America.

THE RED CROSS DAY CAMP, located on the roof of the Vanderbilt Clinic, is open from nine until five daily. On an average there are about thirty patients, men, women, and children, taking the treatment; the men occupying themselves with papers, magazines, and games; the women and children industriously engaged with raffia, crochet, knitting, etc. For those who wish to rest quietly, there is the view of the southwestern sky, always beautiful yet perhaps seen now for the first time, the view up the river, and the life on the river. Members of the Clinic Auxiliary come in frequently to read to the patients, and a "phonographic" concert is occasionally given. Thus with calls at stated intervals, at the windows of the diet kitchen, located in the centre of the camp, for milk, eggs, etc., the day passes quickly.

THE VANDERBILT CLINIC has recently opened a mechanotherapy room, which is probably one of the most completely equipped in the world, embracing as it does over thirty machines. Mrs. Samuel Matshap is the donor of the equipment.

THE BUREAU OF CHILD HYGIENE of the Department of Health on April 15 started on its campaign for robbing the summer of its terrors for mothers and babies. At the Conference on the Summer Care of Babies, held during the first

week in April, and having representatives from all the public and private agencies engaged in work along these lines, it was shown that it is in the early part of the summer the greatest number of babies succumb, the relief work heretofore having come too late; hence the decision to begin April 15 with almost double the staff of doctors and nurses of last summer. One new feature of the work will be the sending of a nurse, upon the receipt of a birth certificate, to visit the home and give care and instruction for the general welfare of mother and child. A large percentage of the birth certificates are signed by midwives, and the attention of the corps will be directed to those cases first.

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SANITARY AND MORAL PROPHYLAXIS, at its meeting held on April 8, confined its deliberations, aside from the regular business, to "Blindness of the New-born, and its Prophylaxis;" able papers were given by Dr. Charles Stedman Bull, "From the Standpoint of the Eye Specialist;" Dr. Jas. Clifton Edgar, "From the Standpoint of the Obstetrician;" Dr. Wm. E. Studdiford, "From the Standpoint of the Sanitary Officials;" and Dr. Prince A. Morrow, "Prophylaxis through Education of the Public." The discussion was opened by Dr. Wm. M. Polk, who paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Prince A. Morrow, the chairman of the society, saying that, "to Dr. Morrow must belong all the credit of whatever results be obtained;" and, to those who have followed Dr. Morrow's years of work, it will seem but just that this recognition be given. Dr. Polk emphasized the value of educational propaganda and the importance of personal moral cleanliness on the part of the individual, as everyone is brought into contact with these cases. Mr. George A. Hubbell, of the New York Association for the Blind, told of the methods and work of his society, and particularly, of that of the special committee on the prevention of blindness, which is striving, through the dissemination of literature upon the subject, lectures, and the newspapers, to acquaint the people generally with the deplorable magnitude of the trouble, and to demonstrate to them how easily it might be remedied.

MARY A. S. SAMUEL, R.N., has resigned from her position as superintendent of the training school for nurses at the Roosevelt Hospital. Miss Samuel is a graduate of the New York Hospital, and has been in charge of the Roosevelt school almost since its beginning.

LAVINIA L. DOCK, R.N., has spent much time during the winter in equal suffrage propaganda, having spoken before twenty-three different women's organizations, many of them being composed of nurses, beside writing numerous letters and articles on the subject.

**Brooklyn.**—ELIZABETH BURDICK, R.N., has accepted the position of night supervisor of nurses at the Long Island College Hospital.

**Tompkinsville, Staten Island.**—THE S. R. SMITH INFIRMARY held on April 16, at the Farrar Home, the graduating exercises of the class of 1909, followed by a reception. The graduates were the Misses Waugh, Knowles, Bender, Marvel, Powers, Magee, Bendwig, Hamilton, Greene.

NANCY E. CADMUS, R.N., has resigned the position as superintendent of the S. R. Smith Infirmary to take effect June 1. Miss Cadmus has been in charge of this hospital for a number of years and during a period of very difficult reconstruction and development. She is to be succeeded by a man. Miss Cadmus will sail for Europe on July 3 for a somewhat extended trip.

**Hartsdale.**—THE CAROLINE REST for convalescing mothers with infants is opening a new building which was made possible by the generosity of Mr. George H. F. Schrader.

**Cohoes.**—THE HUDSON VALLEY ASSOCIATION FOR TRAINING-SCHOOL PROGRESS held its regular meeting at the Cohoes Hospital, on March 13, Mrs. E. Alvis presiding. The meeting was well attended, eighteen hospitals being represented. Miss Carpenter gave a short review of the Pope and Carpenter Dietetics. Her talk impressed her hearers with the importance of having a well-equipped diet kitchen, as this facilitates the work of both teacher and pupil. The value of diet in the treatment of disease is more and more recognized, and every nurse should have a fair knowledge of the food principles and their application. The value of a resident dietitian to the hospital and the training school was also brought out. The twenty-four-hour course in dietetics to which so many hospitals must resort cannot give the thorough training the subject requires. Miss King, of Albany, gave a short talk on the value of the dietitian in the hospital and showed the economy of having a resident dietitian who could overlook the work in the diet kitchens and serving rooms, plan the meals, do the marketing, and teach the nurses. The constant waste in most hospital kitchens can no doubt be greatly reduced where a well-trained, competent dietitian is in charge of this department. Miss Alline spoke of the importance of having the course in physiology thoroughly cover the process of digestion of the different food classes. This should be taught in the second year. During the third year a more advanced course should be given and the senior nurses could then overlook the work in the diet kitchen. The study of dietetics is of greater importance to the nurse than the study of medicine. The doctor orders the medication, but he will often leave the food question to the nurse. A short discussion on the new syllabus followed, and Miss Alline spoke of the necessity of arranging the lecture course so as to cover the course as now laid down. Each training-school superintendent gave a short history of the school and hospital she represented. The meeting was very much enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were provided. A social hour followed. The meeting adjourned to meet May 8 in Troy, Miss Arnold to preside at the meeting and provide the program.

**Schenectady.**—THE REGISTERED NURSES' CLUB held its regular meeting at the Physicians' Hospital nurses' home. A very interesting paper was read on tuberculosis by Katherine B. Whitmore, R.N., the nurse in charge of the Tuberculosis Dispensary which is under the Department of Health and considered one of the finest in the State. Anna B. Alline, R.N., State Inspector of Training Schools, lectured on April 12 before the Woman's Club at Silburn's Hall, Union College, on "The Need of a District Nurse."

**Rochester.**—THE MONROE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED NURSES at its annual meeting in April elected as president Mary E. May, R.N., superintendent of nurses at the State Hospital, and as secretary, Miss E. A. Smith, R.N., assistant superintendent of nurses at the City Hospital.

#### NEW JERSEY

**Orange.**—THE ORANGE TRAINING-SCHOOL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting at the home of Miss Curry on March 17. Twenty-three members were present, and eleven new names were proposed. Margaret Squier was elected delegate to the Associated Alumnæ, with Jean Creveling as alternate.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

**Philadelphia.**—THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION held a meeting in the nurses' home on April 6. The Nominating



Committee was appointed by the president. Annie C. Nedwill was elected delegate to the National Associated Alumnae Convention, to be held in Minneapolis in June, with Elizabeth Hanson as first alternate, and Mary J. Hill as second alternate. After the meeting adjourned, refreshments were served, and a social half hour was enjoyed.

**Meadville.**—THE MEADVILLE CITY HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION has recently been organized with Mrs. Ray Jacobs as president, and Mary Vetch as secretary. On April 8 an enjoyable social meeting was held.

MARY SPEARS, a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, is meeting with success as assistant superintendent of the City Hospital.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Washington.**—THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE CARE OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, held on January 25 and 26, at which many prominent people spoke, including Miss Addams, Miss Wald, and Judge Lindsey, is now published and may be had from the Government Printing Office.

#### MARYLAND

THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES will hold its next examination for state registration June 8, 9, 10, and 11, 1909. All applications should be filed with the secretary before May 25. Applicants will be notified as to time and place.

27 North Carey St., Baltimore, Md.

MARY C. PACKARD, R.N., Secretary.

#### VIRGINIA

**Norfolk.**—THE NORFOLK ASSOCIATION OF NURSES extends to the members of the Virginia State Association, who are to be entertained by the Norfolk nurses in June, a cordial invitation to be present and help to make this convention an enthusiastic one, and it asks all those who expect to attend or any who desire information to communicate as soon as possible with any one of the following: Ethel Smith, superintendent Norfolk Protestant Hospital; M. A. Newton, superintendent Sarah Leigh Hospital; Miss Eakins, superintendent St. Christopher's Hospital; Miss Nason, 333 Monticello Avenue; Mrs. Warren Thompson, 402 South Park Avenue; Julia Mellichamp, 39 West Redgate Avenue.

JULIA MELLICHAMP, R.N.

Chairman Committee on Arrangements.

THE SARAH LEIGH HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION was organized on March 15 with the following officers: president, Julia Mellichamp, R.N.; vice-presidents, Edda Cole and Ruby Nichols; secretary, Mrs. M. B. Waldron; treasurer, Lily Balderson.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

**Huntington.**—THE WEST VIRGINIA HOSPITAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL ASSOCIATION was organized at a meeting held on March 22 at the Kessler Hospital. This association is to include all hospital officers, not only superintendents and head nurses, in order that there may be a better understanding and more hearty co-operation among hospital workers. Temporary officers were elected to serve until the first annual meeting in April. The temporary president was Mrs. Lounsbury of Charleston, and the secretary, Miss Simmons of Huntington. An interesting paper was read by Miss Echols of Greenbrier Hospital, Ronceverte.

## KENTUCKY

**Louisville.**—THE SUPERINTENDENTS' CLUB, which was organized in November, 1907, continues to meet the first Saturday of every month. The April meeting was held with Miss Gillette at the Norton Infirmary.

THE NURSES' CENTRAL DIRECTORY, which began business on May 1, 1908, is a great success. New members are being added constantly. The Jefferson County Graduate Nurses' Club is to be congratulated on securing the valuable services of Katherine O'Conner as registrar.

THE NORTON INFIRMARY ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION had a weighing party in the nurses' home on February 20. The tax of a penny a pound, which was paid so promptly and willingly, enables the delegate, Ella Francis, to attend the Associated Alumnæ meeting at Minneapolis. One hundred and seventy-five pounds drew the prize for the heaviest. It was gratifying to learn that six members expect to attend the national convention. On April 1 the alumnæ entertained the graduating class by a reception and buffet luncheon, with harp music, at the nurses' home. The members of the class wore their graduating uniforms with a bow of the school color on the left shoulder. Buffet lunch was served, and the April fool favors were very attractive in their white tissue paper packages tied with red ribbon and small red roses, but when opened were found to contain all sorts of jokes. The toasts were: "Our Alumnæ," Miss Gillette; "Class History," Lucy Randal; "Class Poem," Elsie Hughes; "Class Prophecy," Rosa Wright. It was rather sad when Professor Gerardi played "Home, Sweet Home" on his beautiful harp, for this was the last meeting of the class of 1909 as pupil nurses. Miss Hughes went on her first private duty case the next morning.

HALLIE MOSBY, who is teaching (and practising) the theories and principles of nursing at the Women's Missionary Training School, is well pleased with the progress of her work. Julia Watts has given up her profession to try matrimony. She was married in Danville, in April. Katherine Dear has given up her profession, it is hoped only temporarily, and is studying stenography.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**Columbia.**—THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION at its January meeting elected the following officers: president, Nina Seay; vice-president, Mrs. Harry Griffin; secretary and treasurer, Georgia E. Wilson. The association hopes to keep alive an interest in work for State registration.

## GEORGIA

**Savannah.**—THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF SAVANNAH held its monthly meeting on March 27. Two new members were admitted, and a delegate was appointed to the Georgia State Association's meeting. Dr. Ernest Cross gave a talk on "The Nursing of Nervous Diseases." The afternoon ended with an informal social time. The officers of the association are: president, E. M. Johnstone; vice-president, Elizabeth Thomas; secretary, Mabel Jones; treasurer, Agnes Dugan.

## ALABAMA

**Birmingham.**—THE BIRMINGHAM GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION, at its annual meeting held in March at the Hillman Hospital, elected Lemoyne Phares, president; Frances Zinkan, first vice-president; Louise Hawley, second vice-president; and Mary Josephine Allen, corresponding secretary. Helen Maclean was re-elected recording and financial secretary. The following committees were

appointed: Membership: Misses Taylor, Denny, and Barry. Ways and Means: Misses Tait, De Shazo, and Lipscomb. Sick Visiting: Misses Coffin, Bell, and Hale. Miss Phares, Miss Denny, Miss Ella Smith and Miss Barry have kindly volunteered to entertain the association at its quarterly social meetings during 1909. Helen Maclean served refreshments at the close of the meeting. The association now numbers sixty-three active members, and all applicants for membership are requested to communicate with the secretary, Helen Maclean, Hillman Hospital. At the meeting held on April 7, the members met with Miss Kee and Miss Barry, at the residence of the latter. After the usual business, refreshments were served and a paper written by Mary J. Allen was read by Helen Maclean. This was followed by a display of simple and artistic designs in kindergarten work for the instruction of nurses in the entertainment of convalescent children, given by Miss Barry who has taken a kindergarten course. This meeting was largely attended, over thirty being present.

#### FLORIDA

**Jacksonville.**—THE DESOTO SANATORIUM graduated its first class of nurses on February 24. The exercises were held at the Woman's Club, the program including addresses by Dr. J. F. McKinstrey, Jr., and Colonel W. M. Toomer. The evening closed with an informal reception. The nurses receiving diplomas were Misses Montréville, Odiorne, and Roach. The DeSoto Sanatorium Training School for Nurses offers a three-year course in medical, surgical, gynecological, and obstetrical nursing, with massage and dietetics. The superintendent is Ethel P. Clarke, R.N., University Hospital, Baltimore, Md., and she has as her assistant Mary B. Phelan, a graduate of the Francis Xavier Infirmary, Charleston, South Carolina. The DeSoto occupies a unique position in Florida, it being the largest private hospital in the state, where hospitals are few. It is thoroughly modern and well equipped. The graduation of its first class is an event of interest and marks a distinctly upward step in the nursing profession in Florida, where the work is largely in the formative stage.

#### LOUISIANA

**New Orleans.**—THE LOUISIANA STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its fifth annual meeting on February 25, at the residence of Lillian Hewitt; the usual place of meeting, the New Orleans College of Dentistry, having been destroyed by fire during the past winter. The meeting was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, Katherine Dent, New Orleans Sanitarium; vice-presidents, Lillian Hewitt, Charity Hospital, and Minnie Mims, New Orleans Sanitarium; secretary, Rosa Fitchett, New Orleans Sanitarium; treasurer, Mary Seddon, Charity Hospital. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

#### OHIO

**Cincinnati.**—THE JEWISH HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting on April 2, in the directors' room of the hospital, with the corresponding secretary in the chair. A large number of members responded to roll call. After disposing of other business, attention was turned to the candidacy of Mary Elizabeth Petering for participation in the European trip furnished by the *Commercial Tribune*.

In view of the fact that Miss Petering is treasurer of the Graduate Nurses'

Association of Cincinnati, and superintendent of the Home of the Friendless, two subscriptions to the paper were secured, giving the candidate 450 votes. Hortense B. Rose presented an instructive paper on "Institutional Work." Florence Williams read some extracts and recipes from an old medical work, which proved very interesting. Miss Hunt, a member of the Alumnae Association, sent a descriptive and entertaining letter from Rome. Ernestine Mielziner wound up the afternoon's program with a reading from the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*, which brought forth a request from one of the members for a subscription blank to the aforesaid journal. A number of blanks were distributed also at the March meeting.

**Toledo.**—THE TOLEDO GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held an unusually interesting meeting in March in the committee rooms of the Ohio Building. In compliance with Miss Dock's request, a committee had arranged for an instructive talk on suffrage, and were fortunate in securing Mrs. Lucia Harmon, one of Toledo's most prominent club women, who, in a pleasing and convincing manner, gave an account of the history and growth of suffrage. She told of the many ways in which both men and women are handicapped through inequality of the ballot, and thought there was need of more of the feminine element in public governmental affairs. She spoke of the law which prevents women serving on boards of inspectors for girls' reformatories. The association has recently become affiliated with the City Federation of Women's Clubs and hopes to be better equipped to do some active philanthropic work as well as to be greatly benefited through association with so large and enthusiastic a body of women. The association was called upon to take charge of one of the booths at the recent Tuberculosis Exhibit. The Graduate Nurses' Association extends a cordial invitation to all graduate nurses in or near Toledo to become members and attend its meetings. The annual meeting with election of officers occurs on May 25. The corresponding secretary is Isabel Harroun, 1711 Cherry Street.

**Canton.**—CORA B. RACKLE has resigned her position as visiting nurse for the Children's Aid Society, to take effect August 1. Miss Rackle inaugurated the visiting nurse work at Canton and has held the position for three years. She will go to Boston to enter the School for Social Workers in the fall.

**Cleveland.**—THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION issues its seventh annual report and makes it also the first number of the *Visiting Nurse Quarterly* of Cleveland, whose aim will be to keep those who contribute to the work in closer touch with its interesting details. The staff of nurses now numbers twenty-eight, eight having been added this last year. Of this number, two are acting as school nurses and two are working under the Board of Health. A more complete system of record keeping has been established.

#### MICHIGAN

**Kalamazoo.**—THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION elected officers on February 24 as follows: president, Amy E. Hagger; vice-president, Minnie L. Johnstone; secretary and treasurer, Effie C. Pierce, 109 West Lovel Street; censors, Lulu Robinson, Mable Rose. The annual banquet of the association was held on March 4, at the Burdick House. Amy E. Hagger acted as toastmistress, and the following toasts were responded to: "Our Association," Julia Redmond; "Pioneer Nursing," Mary J. Lovejoy; "Michigan State Nurses' Association of 1909," Effie C. Pierce; "Opportunity," Edith Pond; "Our Patients," M. Shields; "Absent Members," L. Robinson; "The Human Machine," Amy E. Hagger. There

were present as guests: Miss Goodenow, superintendent of Bronson Hospital; Miss McClure, visiting nurse; Miss Saxton, of Los Angeles; Miss Albertson, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Miss Roberts, of Montana.

#### MINNESOTA

**Minneapolis.**—THE MINNESOTA STATE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its semi-annual meeting April 13, at Pillsbury Settlement House. Following the business meeting, Dr. R. O. Beard of the University faculty gave a very interesting talk on the subject of the nurses' training school just started in connection with the new University Hospital.

THE HENNEPIN COUNTY GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held a regular business meeting April 14th, at the Nurses' Club. Discussion of convention topics prevailed.

BERTHA ERDMANN has been elected superintendent of the nurses' training school in the University Hospital. Louise Lineau, a recent graduate from Northwestern Hospital, has accepted a position in the hospital.

#### ILLINOIS

**Chicago.**—MISS HAY AND MISS McCUNE, Illinois Training School, have given a course of twelve demonstrations on home nursing to the students of the University of Illinois at Champaign. Janet A. Topping, class of 1883, has opened a "sanitary shop" in The Rockery where she does manicuring and chiropody, using aseptic methods. Marion Prentiss, class of 1897, has been giving a course in home nursing at the School of Domestic Science. Carrie Lindholm has taken up fruit growing at Grant's Pass, Oregon. Miss Ormsby has a position at Hunter's, Hot Springs, Montana. Jane Stoker, class of 1895, has returned to Pasadena. Mrs. C. D. Westcott, class of 1888, is spending several months in California. Augusta Potter, class of 1900, has resigned her position at Morenci, Arizona, to be married, and is succeeded by Isabella Law, class of 1904. Mrs. Nellie McMillan, class of 1901, is travelling in Honolulu and Japan. Edith L. Muhs, class of 1903, has resigned as assistant superintendent of the training school, and is succeeded by Anne Williamson, class of 1901. Sarah M. Dick, class of 1895, has accepted the position of superintendent of the hospital at San Mateo, California. Elizabeth E. Erlewine, class of 1907, is superintendent of the Christian Hospital, Valparaiso, Indiana. Marianne Zichy, class of 1904, has charge of the Hastings City Hospital, Hastings, Nebraska.

MAE MCCARTNEY, class of 1908, Hahnemann Hospital, and Fannie Wiley, class of 1906, are nursing in Waterloo, Iowa. Catherine Campbell, class of 1908, is one of the supervising nurses in the tuberculosis camp at Naperville. Mary Campbell, class of 1904, has been a supervising nurse at the Watertown Insane Hospital for six months. Amelia Munn, class of 1908, is nurse of the Children's Infirmary, Home for the Friendless. Edith Geiger has charge of the Pennoyer Sanitarium at Kenosha, Wisconsin. Linie Kugle, class of 1904, is planning to take graduate work at Bellevue Hospital. Ida A. Belg, class of 1905, is chief nurse at Salina, Kansas.

MEMBERS OF THE WESLEY HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION are asked to send their present addresses to the secretary, Florence Olmstead, 4549 Indiana Avenue. Mary McNeal and Miss Nichol have been elected as delegates to the Associated Alumnæ. Mildred Marsden has returned from the west and has taken a position as head nurse in the hospital. Mae Peregrine is missionary nurse in the hospital at Wu-hu, China.

INDIANA

**Indianapolis.**—THE NURSES' EXAMINING BOARD OF INDIANA will hold examination of applicants in Indianapolis, May 19 and 20, 1909. All applications should be in by May 10.

EDNA HUMPHREY, Secretary,  
409 East Jefferson Street, Crawfordsville.

THE INDIANAPOLIS CITY HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION at its March meeting had an interesting article read which had been sent by Margaret Lorimer of Buxton, England, an associate member. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for entertaining the graduating class. At a called meeting on March 26, Miss F. E. Gerard was appointed delegate to the Associated Alumnæ, with Anna Rein as alternate.

IOWA

**Council Bluffs.**—ELIZABETH SWINGLE, class of 1907, Jennie Edmunson Memorial, is able to return to her work after a six months' rest at her home in Walnut, following a serious illness.

KANSAS

**Wichita.**—THE FEDERATED CLUB, composed of all the ladies' clubs in town, is raising money—and that, too, without approaching the business men—to engage a graduate nurse for house-to-house work among the poor. She is to be paid a yearly salary of six hundred dollars, with two hundred additional to defray incidental expenses, and in return she is to devote her entire time to the work. By requiring a concise report of her work the ladies will be kept in touch with the needy and they will also be lending a hand to improve the faulty sanitary conditions, due more often to lack of knowledge among the poor, than to an unwillingness to obey the laws of hygiene.

NEBRASKA

THE BILL for State registration which has become a law and goes into effect at once, reads as follows:

To regulate the practice of professional nursing in the State of Nebraska, to provide for the better education of professional nurses, to provide for collection of fees and their disbursement, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:*

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice professional nursing as a Registered Nurse in this State, unless such person shall have first obtained a certificate of registration as provided in this Act.

SEC. 2. The State Board of Health shall have power not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, to make all reasonable rules and regulations necessary to the performance of its duties under the provisions hereof. The said State Board of Health, among other rules, shall prescribe what evidence shall be necessary to establish the good moral character of a person making application for a certificate to become a professional nurse. The said State Board of Health, in addition to other rules shall also make provision governing the duties of the secretaries provided for in this Act. It shall also be the duty of the State Board of Health to see that the provisions of this Act are strictly enforced, to issue certificates, as hereinafter provided, and to cause to be prosecuted all violations of this Act. Said State Board of Health shall within thirty days after the taking

effect of this Act appoint their secretaries for the purpose of assisting the said State Board of Health in carrying out and in enforcing provisions of this Act. Said secretaries shall be appointed from nurses engaged in active work, who have been graduated for at least a period of one year from reputable training schools requiring a course of training of not less than one or more years' duration in actual hospital service. And provided further, that after the first appointment the nurses appointed on each succeeding term shall be appointed from nurses registered under this Act.

SEC. 3. Each of said secretaries shall serve for a term of three years and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, except in the case of those first appointed who shall hold office as follows: One shall be appointed to hold office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

SEC. 4. Said secretaries shall have the power, and it shall be their duty, to assist and advise the State Board of Health in the performance of its duties as prescribed by this Act. To that end they shall organize by the election of one of their number as president, another as secretary, and another as vice-president and treasurer, and shall have their headquarters at the State Capital, shall have a common seal, and the secretary and the president shall have the power to administer oaths.

SEC. 5. Each secretary shall receive compensation of five dollars per day for each day of actual service, and ten cents per mile for each mile actually travelled in attending the meetings of said secretaries, which compensation with the necessary expenses of the said secretaries shall in no case exceed the amount which has been collected as fees from applicants for registration. And the Secretary shall annually, on or before the second Monday in October, make a report to the Governor of the work of said Board together with the amount of fees collected. And the amount paid out for salary and expenses of secretary as provided by law and the balance of such fees shall be paid into the State Treasury for the benefit of the General Fund.

SEC. 6. Said secretaries shall hold public examinations at least twice in each year at Lincoln, Nebraska, and at such times and places as the State Board of Health deem advisable, and notice of the time and place of such examinations shall be given to three daily papers, at least ten days before such examination, and in two nursing journals, and said secretaries may give such other notice as they deem advisable. Any person desiring to obtain a certificate of registration under this Act shall make application to said secretaries therefor and shall pay their said treasurer an examination fee of five dollars, and shall present himself or herself at the next regular meeting of said secretaries for examination of applicants and upon said secretaries being satisfied that the applicant is, (1) of the age of twenty-one years or over, (2) of good moral character, (3) has received an education equivalent to that required for admission into high schools of this State, and (4) has graduated from a training school connected with a general hospital, sanitarium, or sanatorium where two or three years of training with a systematic course of instruction is given in the hospital, sanitarium, or sanatorium of good standing, supplying a systematic training of two or more years corresponding to the above standards, providing graduates of training schools in connection with special hospitals, giving a two years' course, who shall obtain six months or more additional training in an approved general hospital, shall be eligible (without examination before January 1, 1911, or graduates of said special hospital training schools without said additional experi-

ence shall be eligible) for registration prior to which training may be obtained in two or more hospitals, said secretaries shall proceed to examine said applicant, in both theoretical and practical nursing, physiology and anatomy, materia medica, practical and surgical nursing in mental and nervous diseases, and upon such applicant passing said examination to the satisfaction of said secretaries, they shall enter said applicant's name in the register hereinafter provided for, and shall issue to said person a certificate of registration authorizing said person to practice the profession of nursing as a "registered nurse."

SEC. 7. All nurses graduating prior to January 1, 1911, possessing the above qualifications, or who have taken a regular course of instruction of six months or more in some regular hospital or nurses' training school in good standing, and have had at least twelve months of actual practice in nursing in addition thereto, may register without examination prior to September 1, 1910. Nurses that have had two years of actual practice in nursing in this State and are recommended in writing by four reputable physicians, and who have passed the examination provided for in Section 6 of this Act, may register by paying the regular fee on or before January 1, 1910, provided this section shall not apply to any applicant who fails to satisfy the Board of Secretaries that the applicant is of good moral character.

SEC. 8. The State Board of Health is empowered to recognize certificates issued to nurses under the laws of other States having substantially similar requirement to those existing in this State; provided, that such States recognize certificates issued by the State of Nebraska, then certificates issued by authority of such other States may be deemed sufficient evidence of qualifications of the licentiate without further examination for certificate in this State. The fee for such certificates shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

SEC. 9. This Act shall not be construed to apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire, but who does not in any way assume to be a registered nurse.

SEC. 10. Said secretaries shall keep a register in which shall be entered names of all persons to whom certificates are issued under this Act, and said register shall be at all times open to public inspection.

SEC. 11. A person who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of the Act, shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation R.N., or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

SEC. 12. Said secretaries may revoke any certificate for sufficient cause, but before this is done the holder of said certificate shall have thirty (30) days' notice, and after a full and fair hearing of the charges made, by a majority vote of said secretaries the certificates may be revoked.

SEC. 13. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall wilfully make any false representation to the said secretaries in applying for a certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon a conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00), provided that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to apply to members of religious societies gratuitously nursing.

SEC. 14. Whereas an emergency exists this Act shall be in effect and full force on and after its passage.



## OKLAHOMA

THE Oklahoma bill for State registration of nurses which was signed by Governor Haskell on March 2, reads as follows:

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of a State Board of Examiners, and for the examination and registration of nurses, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

*Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oklahoma:*

SECTION 1. That upon the taking effect of this Act, the Oklahoma State Association of Graduate Nurses shall nominate for examiners twelve (12) of its members who have had not less than five years' experience in their profession and who shall be residents of the State of Oklahoma. These nominations shall be submitted to the Governor of the State, who shall from said number appoint within sixty days a Board of Examiners to be composed of five (5) members; one of these members shall be designated by the Governor to hold office for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and hereafter, upon the expiration of the term of office of the person or persons so appointed, the Governor shall appoint a successor to each person or persons to hold office for three years from a list of nominations submitted to him by the Oklahoma State Association of Graduate Nurses annually. All vacancies occurring on the Board shall be filled by the Governor in the same number from the list of five to be furnished upon his request for additional names.

SEC. 2. That the members of the State Board of Examiners shall as soon as organized, and annually thereafter in the month of June, elect from their members a president and a secretary who shall be the treasurer. Three members of this Board shall constitute a quorum, and special meetings of the Board shall be called by the secretary upon written request of any two members. The said Board of Examiners is authorized to frame such by-laws as may be necessary to govern proceedings. The secretary shall be required to keep a record of all meetings of the Board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this Act, and may incur necessary expense in this behalf. The secretary shall receive a salary to be fixed by the Board, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per annum, also travelling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of her official duties. The other members of the Board shall receive four dollars (\$4.00) for each day actually engaged in this service, and all legitimate and necessary expenses. Said expenses and salaries shall be paid from fees received by the Board under the provisions of this Act and no part of salaries or other expenses of the Board shall be paid out of the State Treasury. All money received in excess of the said allowance and other expenses provided for shall be held by the Treasurer for meeting the expenses of the said Board and the annual report of the Board.

SEC. 3. That after January 1, 1912, it shall be the duty of the said Board of Examiners to meet at some convenient point within the State not less frequently than once a year, notice of which meeting shall be given to the public press and in one nursing journal one month previous to the meeting. At this meeting it shall be their duty to examine all applicants for registration under this Act, surgical, medical, obstetrical nursing (genito-urinary for male nurses instead of obstetrics), anatomy, physiology, materia medica, hygiene, and dietetics, to determine their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick. Upon filing application for examination and registration each applicant shall deposit a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

SEC. 4. That the applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence that he or she is twenty-one years of age, is of good moral character, has received the equivalent of an eighth grade certificate, until five years after taking effect of this Act when it shall be necessary to have a high school certificate or its equivalent, and has graduated from a training school connected with a general hospital where two years of continuous residence training with a systematic course of instruction is given.

SEC. 5. That training schools shall be required to give such systematic training as will meet the requirements of the State Board of Examiners.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to duly registered nurses coming to this State from any other State in the United States; provided, such nurses have undergone and received training equal to, or equivalent to the requirements set forth in this bill. Such nurses shall be eligible to registration without examination upon payment of registration fee.

Graduates of training schools in connection with special hospitals giving a two years' course, who shall obtain at least six months additional training in an approved general hospital, shall be eligible for registration without examination before June 1, 1912, or said graduates from special hospitals shall be eligible for registration prior to said date upon passing special examination before the Board of Examiners in subjects not adequately taught in the training school from which they have been graduated. And it shall be unlawful after the expiration of that time for any person to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse without a certificate in this State. A nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation "R.N." or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

SEC. 7. That all nurses possessing the above qualification shall be permitted to register before June 1, 1912, without examination upon payment of registration fee.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family; and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire, but who does not in any way assume to be a graduate or registered nurse.

SEC. 9. That any person violating any of the provisions of this Act or who shall wilfully make any false representations to the Board of Examiners in applying for a certificate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SEC. 10. That the State Board of Examiners of Graduate Nurses may revoke any certificate for sufficient cause; but before this is done the holder of said certificate shall have thirty days' notice, and after a full and fair hearing of the charge by a majority vote of the whole Board can the certificate be revoked.

#### COLORADO

**Denver.**—THE ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF THE COLORADO TRAINING SCHOOL held its third annual meeting at the nurses' home of the County Hospital April 13. Eleven interesting meetings were held during the year. The officers for 1909 are: president, Louise Perrin; vice-president, Clara Stuevens; secretary, M. M. Balding, 708 East 16th Avenue; treasurer, Lilian O'Neil. Business was followed by a pleasant social hour. Miss Clara Stuevens has been appointed

superintendent of the Colorado Training School and Miss O'Neil as night superintendent. Miss Perrin was elected delegate to the Associated Alumnae Convention.

#### WYOMING

THE Wyoming bill for State registration passed the Legislature and became a bill February 18. It reads as follows:

AN ACT to provide for and regulate the examination and registration of nurses, and the practice of nursing.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

SECTION 1. Upon the taking effect of this Act, the Wyoming State Nurses' Association shall nominate for examiners five of their members, who shall have had not less than three years' experience in their profession, as candidates: and at each annual meeting thereafter, shall nominate two other candidates. The Governor of Wyoming shall appoint a board of three examiners from such list. When the first appointment is made, one member of said Board shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter all appointments shall be made for a term of three years, except an appointment for an unexpired term, which shall be made only for such unexpired term. All vacancies in said Board, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Governor aforesaid, in the same manner as an original appointment, and for the time herein mentioned.

SEC. 2. The members of the said Board of Examiners shall meet and organize as soon as practicable after their appointment, by taking an oath faithfully to discharge the duties of their office, which oath shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and by the election of a president, vice-president, and a secretary. Said Board of Examiners may, from time to time, adopt such rules and regulations as shall be deemed necessary in the performance of their duties consistent with the requirements of this Act. It may adopt a seal, and the secretary shall have the care and custody thereof. The secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Board of Examiners, including a register of the names and addresses of all nurses duly registered under this Act, which shall be open at all times to public inspection. The Board shall cause the prosecution of any persons violating this Act, and may incur necessary expenses in that behalf. Each member of the Board shall receive a compensation of five dollars per day or for each fraction of a day in which each member is actually engaged in the attendance upon the meetings of the Board and in going to and coming from the place of meeting, and all the legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in attending such meetings; all such compensation and expenses to be paid out of the "Nurses' Fund," by warrants drawn by the State Auditor upon there being filed with the State Auditor a certificate to be signed by the president or vice-president, and secretary of the Board, with the seal of the Board attached, showing the amount, itemized, to which each member is entitled.

SEC. 3. The fees received by the Board of Examiners herein specified from examination, and otherwise, shall be paid to the State Treasurer, and shall be kept in a fund to be known as the "Nurses' Fund," and shall be subject at all times to the warrant of the State Auditor drawn upon written requisition of the president or vice-president, and attested by the secretary of the said Board of Examiners, with seal attached, for the payment of any expenses made by the said Board. The secretary shall make on or before January 1 of each year, a report to the Governor of the State, containing a true and correct account

of all monies received and ordered disbursed by the Board. Any expense incurred in making said report and any other necessary expenses of the said Board shall be paid out of the said fund.

SEC. 4. Two members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the secretary upon written request of any one member. The Board shall from time to time adopt rules for the examination of applicants for registration in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and shall from time to time adopt rules by which to establish a uniform and reasonable standard of instruction and training to be observed by training schools, and shall determine the reputability of such schools by reference to their compliance with such rules and in like manner may from time to time amend, modify, and repeal such rules. The Board shall immediately, upon the election of an officer, file with the Secretary of State a certificate thereof, giving the name and address of such officer, and immediately upon the adoption of any rule, shall file with the Secretary of State a certificate thereof setting out therein a copy of such rule, or in case of the repeal of a rule setting out fully such fact, and shall immediately publish such certificate in at least one journal devoted to the interests of professional nursing, and mail a copy of such certificate to every applicant at the address appearing upon the records of the Board and to every reputable training school in the State of Wyoming.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Board to meet for the purpose of holding examinations once in every year. Notice of such meetings shall be given to the public press and to at least one journal devoted to the interests of professional nursing and by mail to every applicant, and to every reputable training school in Wyoming at least thirty days prior to the meeting. At such meetings, it shall be the duty of the Board to examine all such applicants for registration under this Act as are required to be examined, and to issue to each duly qualified applicant who shall have complied with the pertinent provisions of this Act the certificate provided for in this Act. Any person to whom a certificate of registration shall be issued shall within ninety (90) days thereafter cause the same to be recorded with the county clerk of the county in which such person resided at the time of application. Such person shall be prepared whenever requested to exhibit such certificate of registration or a certified copy thereof.

SEC. 6. Every applicant for registration shall be at least twenty-one (21) years old, of good moral character, and shall possess such further qualifications as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board by rule; *provided*, That no such rule shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act relating to those who shall make application prior to July 1, 1910. Every applicant shall make such proof of the necessary qualifications as shall satisfy the Board thereof. Every application shall be made in writing in the true name of the applicant, in such form as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board, and shall state the place of residence of, and be signed by, the applicant. The fee for acting on an application shall be ten dollars, and shall accompany the application, but every subsequent application of the same person shall be acted on without fee.

SEC. 7. Upon compliance with the pertinent provisions of this Act, nurses, otherwise qualified, shall be entitled to registration as follows: First, without examination; *provided*, they make application prior to July 1, 1910; (a) nurses who shall have graduated before said date from a training school which is connected with a general hospital and which shall be registered by the Examining Board, *provided*, such nurses so applying shall have received a course of at least

two years' training in such training schools, and provided further, that no training school shall be registered by said Examining Board, unless such school maintains proper educational standards, and unless it gives not less than two years' training in a general hospital, or its equivalent; (b) nurses who shall have graduated on or prior to January 1, 1897, from a reputable training school, connected with a general hospital, who at the time of graduation shall have received a course of one year's training in such training school, and who at the time of application shall have been engaged in nursing five years since their graduation; (c) nurses now in training in a training school, registered hereafter by the Examining Board, and connected with a general hospital, which now gives a course of at least two years' training; provided, the applicants graduate therefrom. Second, nurses who shall make application on or after July 1, 1910, and who at the time of application shall have graduated from a training school, connected with a general hospital, registered by said Examining Board and requiring a systematic course of at least two years' training; provided, such applicants shall pass an examination, to be prescribed by said Board, to determine their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick. Third, nurses who shall make application on or after July 1, 1910, and who at the time of application shall have graduated from a reputable training school connected with a special hospital, requiring a systematic course of at least two years' training, and who at the time of application shall have obtained in a reputable general hospital one (1) year's additional training in subjects not adequately taught in the training school from which they graduated, and shall pass an examination to determine their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick.

SEC. 8. It shall be unlawful hereafter for any person to practice or attempt to practice in this State as a graduate, trained or registered nurse, without a certificate from the Board. Any person who has received such a certificate shall be styled and known as a Registered Nurse, and shall be entitled to append the letters R.N. to the name of such person. No other persons shall assume or use such title or the abbreviation, R.N., or any other words, letters or figures to indicate that such person is a registered, trained or graduate nurse.

SEC. 9. This Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, nor to any person nursing the sick for hire who does not in any way assume or pretend to be a registered or graduate nurse, and this Act shall not be construed to interfere in any way with members of religious communities or orders which have charge of hospitals or take care of the sick in their own homes; provided, such members do not in any way assume to be registered nurses.

SEC. 10. The Board, upon written application and upon the payment of ten dollars (\$10) as a registration fee, may issue a certificate without examination to those who shall have been registered as registered nurses under the law of another State having requirements equivalent to those of Wyoming.

SEC. 11. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction be fined for each offense in a sum not less than ten dollars (\$10), nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense, and not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each subsequent offense. Any person who shall wilfully make any false representations to the Board in applying for a license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined in a sum not less

than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200). The fines collected shall be paid to the State Treasurer to become part of the "Nurses' Fund," and shall be used for expenses of said Examining Board.

SEC. 12. All certificates issued by the Board shall be signed by all the members thereof, and shall be attested by the president and secretary.

SEC. 13. The Board may revoke any certificate by a unanimous vote for dishonesty, gross incompetence, a habit rendering a nurse unsafe to be entrusted with, or unfit for, the care of the sick, conduct derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of nursing, or any wilful fraud or misrepresentation practiced in procuring such certificate; provided, the holder of such certificate shall have been given at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing of the specific charge against such holder, and of the time and place of hearing the charge by the Board, at which time and place the holder shall be entitled to be heard and to be represented by counsel. Upon the revocation of any certificate, the same shall be null and void, the holder thereof shall cease to be entitled to any of the privileges conferred by such certificate, and it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Board to strike the name of the holder thereof from the roll of registered nurses and to give notice of such revocation to the county clerk in whose office such certificate is recorded, and thereupon such county clerk shall note the fact of such revocation upon the record of such certificate.

SEC. 14. Nothing contained in this Act shall be considered as conferring any authority to practice medicine or undertake the treatment or cure of disease in violation of the laws relating to the practice of medicine of this State.

SEC. 15. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

#### TEXAS

[THE BILL for registration of nurses has become a law, having been signed by Governor Campbell in March. It reads as follows:

AN ACT to define and regulate the practice of professional nursing; to create a Board of Nurse Examiners for the examination and licensing of nurses, and to prescribe their qualifications; to provide for their proper registration and for the revocation of certificates, and to fix suitable penalties for the violation of this Act, and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That a Board to be known as the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas is hereby established. Said Board shall be composed of five members, who shall be trained nurses of at least twenty-three (23) years of age, of good moral character, and graduates of a training school connected with a general hospital or sanitarium of good standing, presided over by a graduate nurse where a two years' training with a systematic course of instruction is given in the wards. Said Board shall be appointed by the Governor of this State within sixty days after this Act shall go into effect, and biennially thereafter within sixty days after his inauguration, and the term of office shall be two years, or until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring in the Board shall be filled by the Governor.

SEC. 2. That the members of the said Board shall, as soon as organized, annually in the month of April, elect from their members a president and secretary, who shall also be the treasurer. Three members of this Board shall constitute a quorum, and special meetings of said Board shall be called by the secretary upon the written request of any two members. The Board is author-

ized to make such by-laws and rules as shall be necessary to govern its proceedings and to carry into effect the purpose of this Act; provided, that said Board shall adopt Roberts's rules of order to guide it in the transaction of its business. The secretary shall be required to keep a record of all the meetings of said Board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this Act, which shall at all reasonable times be open to public scrutiny, and said Board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this Act, and may incur necessary expenses on that behalf; that the president and secretary shall make a biennial report to the Governor on or before the first day of January immediately preceding the convening of the Legislature, together with a statement of the receipts and disbursements of said Board.

SEC. 3. That after organization it shall be the duty of said Board to meet regularly once in every six (6) months, notice of which meeting shall be given to the public press and in one nursing journal one month previous to the meeting. At every regular meeting, namely, every six months, it shall be the duty of the Board to examine all applicants for registration under this Act. Upon filing application for examination, each applicant shall pay an examination fee of ten dollars, which shall in no case be returned to the applicant, whether the examination be passed or not, but in case the applicant passes the examination, then no further fee shall be required for registration. The examination shall be of such a character as to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice professional nursing as contemplated by this Act; provided, said Board shall prepare questions for examinations and shall examine applicants on the following subjects: practical nursing, surgical nursing, obstetrical nursing, materia medica, anatomy, physiology, hygiene, dietetics, and gynecology. If the result of the examination shall be satisfactory to the majority of the Board, the Board shall sign and issue a certificate to the applicant to that effect, which certificate shall be attested by the secretary, whereupon the person named in the certificate shall be duly qualified to practice professional nursing in this State. Any registered nurse from any other State where the laws with reference to professional nursing are up to the standard of the laws of the State of Texas, who shall show to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she is a trained graduate nurse of a hospital or sanitarium, the standard of instruction and training of which shall meet the requirements of the rules prescribed by said Board, and who shall be otherwise properly qualified, may receive a certificate and be registered as a nurse of this State without examination.

SEC. 4. That all nurses who are engaged in nursing at the time of the passage of this Act, and who shall show to the satisfaction of the said Board that they are of good moral character and were graduated prior to April, 1906, from a training school connected with a hospital or sanitarium giving a two years' general training, or prior to the year 1901, having given 18 months' general training, and who maintains in other respects proper standards, shall be entitled to registration without examination. All persons who are in training in the wards of a general hospital or sanitarium in this State where a two years' training with a systematic course of instruction is given at the time of the passage of this Act, and shall graduate hereafter, and possess the above qualifications, shall be entitled to registration without examination; provided, such application be made to this Board before the first regular meeting. All nurses who have served in the army or navy of the United States, and have

been honorably discharged, shall be entitled to registration without examination. It shall be unlawful hereafter for any person to practice nursing as a trained, graduate, or registered nurse, without a certificate from the State Board of Nurse Examiners. A nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation "R.N.," or any other letters to indicate that he or she is a trained, graduate, or registered nurse. The Board in each instance shall require a registration fee or ten (\$10) dollars.

SEC. 5. The State Board of Nurse Examiners shall have the power to revoke any certificate issued in accordance with this Act by a unanimous vote of said Board, for gross incompetence, dishonesty, habitual intemperance or any act derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of nursing, as may be determined by the Board, but before any certificate shall be revoked the holder thereof shall be entitled to at least thirty days' notice in writing of the charge against him or her, and of the time and place of hearing and determining of such charges, at which time and place he or she shall be entitled to be heard, and in the event said certificate shall be revoked by said Board, the holder of such certificate shall have right of action within thirty days thereafter in the district court of the county of the residence of any member of the Board, and said certificate shall remain in force until the question is finally decided by the courts. Upon revocation of any certificate, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Board to strike the name of the holder thereof from the roll of registered nurses.

SEC. 6. All fees received by the State Board of Nurse Examiners, and all fines collected under this Act, shall be paid to the treasurer of said Board, who shall pay the same out on vouchers issued and signed by the president and secretary of said Board upon warrants drawn by the president of the State Board of Examiners. All money so received and placed in said fund may be used by the State Board of Nurse Examiners in defraying its expenses in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, or to any person nursing the sick for hire who does not in any way assume the practice as a trained, graduate, or registered nurse.

SEC. 8. That any person violating the provisions of this Act, or who shall make any false representations to said Board in applying for a certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars.

SEC. 9. The fact that there is no previous legislation providing for the examination by a State Board of trained nurses, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS will hold its annual meeting at Temple, May 5 and 6. A large attendance is hoped for. The nurses are rejoicing in the passage of their bill for which they have worked so faithfully during the past year.



**San Antonio.**—MARJORIE M. TAYLOR, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, and recently superintendent of the Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga, N. Y., has been appointed superintendent of the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital.

#### IDAHO

**Boise.**—THE IDAHO STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION has elected the following officers: president, Lillian Long, St. Luke's Hospital, Boise; secretary, Lulu Hall, Room 410 Overland Building, Boise.

#### WASHINGTON

**Seattle.**—THE KING COUNTY GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting on April 5, at the Graduate Nurses' Club. The association unanimously endorsed a petition to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Agriculture, asking that Dr. Harvey W. Wiley be retained as chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture. This petition has been put into circulation by the women of the Seattle Federated Clubs, who realize the importance of retaining in office a man who stands for all that is good and pure as does Dr. Wiley. Promoters of the petition feel if he were removed it would weaken the effectiveness of the pure food law. As members of the Seattle Federation of Women's Clubs, the association members are requested to attend the meetings which are very interesting and instructive.

Report of the work done in Olympia on the bill for State registration was read, also a letter of congratulation on the success of the bill from Miss Richardson, Portland, Oregon. The delegates to the State Convention were nominated. Miss Bessie Davies gave an interesting talk on tubercular work in Seattle. An antitubercular league was formed and directors appointed in March. Dr. Maud Parker gave an interesting talk on "Woman's Suffrage."

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE met March 3 and adopted the following plans for the annual meeting of the Washington State Graduate Nurses' Association, to be held June 16-17 in Seattle. June 16 has been kindly set aside by the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition officials for Washington State Graduate Nurses' Association day. The first session will be held in the Woman's Building on the Exposition grounds, Wednesday, June 16, at 10 A.M., after which a luncheon will be served and the afternoon will be spent showing the visiting nurses about the Exposition. On June 17, the sessions will be held in the club-house of the Seattle Woman's Federation, corner of Harvard Avenue and Thomas Street, at 9 A.M. and 1.30 P.M. A reception and banquet will be held at the Stokade Club, Alki Point, at 8.30 P.M., June 17. Delegates' names should be sent to the secretary, Miss MacMillan, 322 North Broadway, Seattle, Wash., not later than June 1.

MAY S. LOOMIS, of the Seattle General Hospital, has been appointed delegate from the Washington State Graduate Nurses' Association to the meeting of the Associated Alumnae to be held at Minneapolis, with Miss M. C. Burnette, Spokane, as alternate. Mrs. Edith M. Hickey has been appointed delegate from King County Graduate Nurses' Association. Sara Meiklejohn has accepted the position of superintendent of nurses at the Hoquiam General Hospital, Hoquiam, Washington.

**Tacoma.**—M. R. MACDONALD, class of 1901, Boston City Hospital, has been appointed superintendent of the training school at St. Joseph's Hospital.

## CALIFORNIA

**Los Angeles.**—THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting on March 29. After the routine business, a debate was held on the question: Resolved, That woman's suffrage be granted to the women of the United States. The affirmative was taken by Miss Hilton and Mr. Mason; the negative by Misses McConnell and Martin. By the decision of the judges the debate was given to the negative. The afternoon closed with refreshments.

**Salinas.**—THERESA ERICKSON, R.N., has resigned her position as superintendent of the Jim Bardin Hospital.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

**Manila.**—MABEL E. MCCALMONT, R.N., class of 1906, Homœopathic Hospital, Washington, D. C., has accepted the position of superintendent of the Civil Hospital, supervising nurse of the training school, and of all nurses on the island under Civil Service. Miss McCalmont is the first woman to occupy this position. She gave in March a series of lectures and demonstrations on hygiene, sanitation, and practical nursing before the Filipino Teachers' Institute, for the Bureau of Education.

## CUBA

**Santiago de Cuba.**—MARY E. PEARSON, graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital, who has been for several years at the head of the training school in the hospital at Camaguey, has been transferred to a similar position at the Civil Hospital in this place. The school at Camaguey had been brought to a high state of efficiency under Miss Pearson and is now put in charge of a Cuban trained nurse, while Miss Pearson is given a hospital needing reorganization.

## BIRTHS

A son to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Roberts. Mrs. Roberts is a graduate of Wesley Hospital, Chicago.

In March, a son to Mrs. Edith Shanks Hendrickson, class of 1906, Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago.

At Panama, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hogan. Mrs. Hogan was Marie Henerichs, class of 1904, Lebanon Hospital, New York City.

On March 22, a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Mowbray. Mrs. Mowbray is a graduate of the Homœopathic Hospital, Washington, D. C.

On March 16, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Calver Glover. Mrs. Glover was Miss Herbert, class of 1903, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

In January, at New Bedford, Massachusetts, a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Ned Stanley. Mrs. Stanley was Caroline Russell, class of 1905, St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford.

On October 17, 1908, at Concord, Mass., a daughter, Anna Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Goulding. Mrs. Goulding was Elizabeth Roche, a graduate of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston.

## MARRIAGES

On March 10, Alice Merkel Spang, class of 1905, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, to Arthur Rick.

On March 18, at Morenci, Arizona, Augusta Potter, class of 1900, Illinois Training School, to John Howard Wood.

ON February 1, in Rochester, N. Y., Katherine Jones, graduate of the Rochester City Hospital, to Benson T. Hawkins.

ON March 3, Harriet M. Creed, class of 1904, St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, to Chester Mendell, of Rochester, Mass.

ON March 20, at Orange, New Jersey, Grace Arnold Knight, graduate of Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, to Ernest G. H. Schenck.

CARRIE PUFFER, class of 1906, Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, to W. V. Hedges, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Hedges will live at Frankfort, Ill.

ON January 4, Miss Shouliber, graduate of the Beaver Valley General Hospital, to George Taggart. Mr. and Mrs. Taggart will live at Beaver Falls, Pa.

ON April 3, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Clara Kemmerer, class of 1905, Homœopathic Hospital, Washington, D. C., to Bernard Rentrop. Mr. and Mrs. Rentrop will live in Brooklyn.

ON October 20, 1908, at Franklin, Mass., Ellen T. Coakley, graduate of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, to Frederick Thayer. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer will live at Hartford, Conn.

ON March 14, in Boston, Mass., Flo Baird, a graduate of Wesley Hospital, Chicago, to Harry F. Gleasen. Mr. and Mrs. Gleasen will live at 10 Washington Terrace, Newtonville, Mass.

ON April 7, at Prophetstown, Ill., Daisy Mathis, a graduate of Wesley Hospital, Chicago, to George Vaughn, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Vaughn will soon sail for China to engage in missionary work.

ON February 24, at Rock Valley, Iowa, Orphea Edwards, class of 1903, Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago, to William Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will live in Marshfield, Wisconsin.

ON February 20, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Christine Swingle, class of 1904, Women's Christian Hospital, to Burleigh Malcolm Painter. Mr. and Mrs. Painter will live at Lewis, Iowa. Mrs. Painter has been doing private nursing in Colorado Springs for the past three years.

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#### DEATHS

ELEANOR RYAN, a pupil nurse of St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, died early this year, when within three months of graduation, from burns received while trying to protect her patients, a mother and child, from fire. The *Boston Pilot* gives a long and affecting account of the beautiful life and character of Miss Ryan, who was greatly loved by her associates.

MARION C. SPIER, a graduate of the Garfield Memorial Hospital, died recently from an illness contracted while on duty at the Allegheny Hospital. Diphtheria developed, followed by a mastoid abscess, and blood poisoning. Miss Spier was not only a most faithful nurse, devoted to her calling, but she had also a beautiful character and is greatly mourned by all who knew her.

ON February 28, at Monroe, Louisiana, Clara Dodds, a member of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Beaver Valley General Hospital, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Miss Dodds was devoted to her vocation, ministering to those under her care with tenderness and sympathy. By her unselfish and kindly disposition and by her many sterling qualities she won the admiration and love of all with whom she labored.

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